



Council makes Transit Center decision

City Council voted 3-2 in favor of crafting a resolution focusing attention on the Kellogg Lake site as the new location for the Downtown Transit Center at its regularly scheduled Sept. 21st meeting.

The resolution will be reviewed by Council in October and will feature language calling for TriMet to evaluate mitigation for natural resource impacts, to create citizen committees that will address design and public safety concerns and to consider landscaping, lighting and architectural design features that will reduce visual, noise and lighting impacts on neighboring properties.

The Council decision follows the Planning Commission recommendation, which was the product of a 35-member advisory group that had met for six months and had developed and then studied eight potential sites. The group was comprised of Neighborhood leaders, Downtown and North Industrial business leaders and staff from the City, TriMet and ODOT.

The Kellogg site is approximately 2 acres large and is located between Kellogg Lake and McLoughlin Boulevard.

While Mayor James Bernard, Councilors Joe Loomis and Deborah Barnes supported moving forward on the Kellogg site, Councilors Larry Lancaster and Susan Stone said they were against doing so until all other alternatives had been more thoroughly investigated. ■

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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Fresh water for thousands

Although a familiar face at City Hall and Milwaukie's other facilities, few were aware Don Meliza was playing an instrumental role in improving the lives of thousands in Nigeria, Africa.

The City's contracted electrician for the nine years before his recent retirement, Don was instrumental in the Nigeria Water Project, a program that now brings fresh water to more than 70,000 villagers who previously relied on shallow, often contaminated wells for water.

Don first heard of the project at his church and knew immediately he wanted to be involved. His involvement grew dramatically when he asked the City of Milwaukie to donate a generator he knew was no longer in use. The City agreed, and because Don traveled to Nigeria to install the Milwaukie generator and a pair of others, the 70,000 people inhabiting the south Nigerian villages of Bomu and Lewe are drinking freshly pumped water for the very first time.

Reverend Don Beaulieu, a missionary and principle organizer of the project, said the day water began to flow is a day he will never forget.

"When the chief of the village saw



Don Meliza hooks up one of the generators.

the water for the first time, he began dancing around and crying," Beaulieu said. "It was a wonderful site to see."

Dr. William Nyone, a resident of Nigeria who championed the Water Project cause, thanks Don for his electrical expertise and the City for donating the generator.

"I'm really proud of the City of Milwaukie for making the difference in thousands of people who cannot repay them," William said.

The next step of the project will be to construct a distribution system to pipe the water throughout the village.

Those interested in learning more about the project can call (503) 786-7503. ■

Study calls for closing Kellogg

Last year a joint study was initiated by North Clackamas' three wastewater service districts to examine how the region could expand its facilities while protecting water quality, the environment and public health in a cost-effective manner.

Five options were evaluated and a preferred alternative for a regional system emerged. The regional system is known as the Clearwater Project. Under the Clearwater Project proposal:

- The treatment plants at Oak Lodge and Kellogg Creek would be taken out of service.
- The City of Milwaukie would reclaim important waterfront greenspace
- The Tri-City Water Pollution Control Plant in Oregon City would be expanded.
- Sports fields would be built over the existing Tri-City landfill.

The study states that this regional approach will result in decreased operat-

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Definition of 'Debate'

To contact Councilor Deborah Barnes, call (503) 786-7513 or send an email to barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



Debate: (n) A discussion involving opposing points

For most people, a respectful debate is a discussion of facts in order to explain one's interpretation of reality. It is often structured where both sides are heard and reality surfaces so a conclusion can be reached. The decision is not determined through name-calling or just personal opinion. The best resolutions are not fought through emotion or innuendo. Both sides believe they are right. When the debate is finalized both sides know they have given it their best and can be proud of how they went about proving their case.

The Transit Center siting process could have proven to be a beneficial moment for Neighborhood Associations to work together to find a solution to our problem with the current location in Downtown Milwaukie. This issue should have been one where those with differing views spent as much time listening to one another as they did insinuating diabolic scenarios. This decision would have gone much smoother if the real concerns had been voiced honestly without threats or intimidation.

Your Council voted only to follow the recommendations from the Planning Commission and a Working Group who voted in a majority to site the Transit Center at a piece of property that has sat vacant for years. While one side of this debate is upset because the City didn't run the process and force a particular site to be chosen, the other side relished the opportunity to make a decision based on citizen input. While one side of this debate publicly denounced Milwaukie staff, many of their fellow citizens, members of their Council, and others who may have seen things differently, the other side of the debate spent time researching, trying to find compromises, and quietly talking with their neighbors about their views and opinions.

The Council last month may have made the vote but that doesn't end this situation. Details have to be worked out to benefit our community. As we continue along this journey my hope is that we have all learned something about the process and the importance of being honest, debating fairly, and having a vision that includes what is best for our community. I only hope we can heal all the wounds this debate inflicted on so many people. 🍷

Losing your marbles?

Imagine a place overflowing with artists, collectors and contemporary glass art aficionados. Add a healthy sprinkling of old-timers with nostalgia for childhood marble games - and those same games coming alive with today's 9-year-olds. Top it off with glass blowing and marble making demonstrations, and you have the Portland Marble Festival and Glass Show.

This truly unique event will be held October 30th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison Street.

There will be a marble making demonstration, a kid's marble shooting corner and hundreds of vintage marbles, glass art marbles and memorabilia. Admission is \$3 for adults, kids 12 and under get in for free. For more information call the Waldorf School 503-654-2200 x210. 🍷

City recruiting residents

The City of Milwaukie is actively recruiting a pair of citizens - one to serve the Riverfront Board, and one to serve the Citizens Utility Advisory Board.

The Riverfront Board is comprised of seven Milwaukie citizens appointed to four year terms by City Council. The Riverfront Board is centered on the idea of improving the City's Riverfront and making the area a more accessible attraction for residents of not only Milwaukie, but for the entire region.

The Citizens Utility Advisory Board provides input into the methods and manner in which City utility rates and capital improvements are scheduled and carried out. City Council appoints five members to terms of four years.

Those interested in serving one of these positions are encouraged to call City Recorder Pat DuVal at (503) 786-7502. 🍷

Park plan to be revisited

The North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Advisory Board (DAB) met Sept. 16th to decide on the potential development of ball fields at North Clackamas Park.

After extensive community input, the DAB voted 6-2 to move forward with an alternative which preserved a stately oak tree at the park, maintained the horse arena, down-sized the ball fields to accommodate only youth play and allows space for a soccer field. This option also includes the walking trail, additional parking, fencing and vegetative buffers.

Upon completing further analysis of sound and traffic impacts and locating space for adult fields, the DAB will make a final recommendation regarding pursuit of the project.

Clackamas County's 04/05 Budget includes up to \$3 million earmarked for the potential development of the ball fields. 🍷

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ing costs and enhanced water quality because wastewater flows will be consolidated at the Tri-City Plant - the plant that would be fitted with new technology to more efficiently remove pollutants from the region's wastewater. This means the water quality in the Willamette River would also be improved.

The Clearwater Project is entering the public phase and the region's decision makers are looking for public comment to inform their deliberations.

Open Houses in Milwaukie will be held:

Oct. 4th - Milwaukie Center - 5 to 9 p.m.

Oct. 12th - Concord Elementary Gym - 5 to 9 p.m.

Clackamas County Commissioners and Oak Lodge Sanitary District Board of Directors are expected to make a final decision on the preferred Wastewater Treatment Option before the end of this year.

For more information please call (503) 353-4561. 🍷

Facts about library levy

On November's ballot voters will see Measure 3-152, a five-year local-option tax that would restore and maintain city and county public library services in Clackamas County through June 2010. Here are some quick facts about the measure:

Why is this being proposed?

This dedicated revenue is intended to allow libraries to keep pace with the growing demands for library services.

What would this measure pay for?

Provide dedicated funds to help maintain operations at 10 city libraries and 3 county libraries • Restore local library open hours that have been reduced due to budget constraints • Purchase books and other materials for public use • Restore staffing levels, story times, and other programs

What would happen if the measure does not pass?

Likely results include further reductions in: Hours of library operation • Purchase of books and other materials • Existing library programs and services • Library staffing levels

Measure 3-152 proposes a five-year local option levy that would increase property taxes by 29 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The estimated revenue would average \$8.6 million a year, or in other words, a total of \$43 million for the five year period. For the average homeowner in Clackamas County with a home assessed at \$175,000, the annual property tax increase would be \$50.75. ■

Be mindful of leaves

Autumn is swiftly approaching and with it comes falling leaves and pre-winter yard and garden clean up. As you get ready to rake your leaves and other yard debris this fall, here are some tips to remember.

Please don't rake your leaves or other debris into the street. Milwaukie's street-sweeping program simply can't handle the large volumes of leaves and yard refuse.

Use your weekly yard debris collection service. Your garbage service includes a weekly collection of one 60-gallon container or brown kraft bag of yard debris. Additional containers can be picked up for \$2.67 or you can recycle your own yard debris by composting at home. For more information, contact Milwaukie Community Services Director JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508. ■



Help a young reader today

Julia Bolke

Children aren't the only ones headed back to school this fall. Julia Bolke, at the spry age of 81, is also looking forward to heading back to the Ardenwald Elementary school, where she has volunteered with SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) for the past three years.

When the SMART program came to several Milwaukie schools in 2001, Julia jumped at the chance to become a SMART volunteer. That year Julia met weekly with one first grader who struggled with reading.

"He didn't want to read," said Julia. Two years later Julia reunited with the same student as he entered the third grade. "It was just thrilling," she said, "he would sound out words."

This school year, SMART hopes to serve 180 students in Milwaukie. To see a complete list of schools for the Portland area, learn more about SMART, or to make a pledge visit www.getsmartoregon.org or call (503) 230-2944. ■



Forum aims to help voters

Voters will have the opportunity to hear from candidates hoping to represent Milwaukie residents on a local, county, regional and statewide level at a candidates forum set for Oct. 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. John's Episcopal Church located at 2036 SE Jefferson St.

Candidates running for City Council, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, Metro's Council, and in state elections have all been invited, and organizers are hoping to have about a dozen candidates on hand.

Candidates will present a short open-

ing statement and then will respond to voters' questions.

The forum will be televised live on cable access channel 30, and will be replayed in the days leading to the November election.

For more information please call Ed Zumwalt, Chair of the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association at (503) 654-2493.

The forum is presented by the Milwaukie Neighborhood Associations and hosted by the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood. ■

The City Code Corner

Spring Park is a City of Milwaukie park leading out to Elk Rock Island with a sensitive wetland area that is home to a great variety of birds, animals and plants.

Elk Rock Island is a City of Portland park with numerous species of rare plants and serves as an important habitat for blue herons and other birds.

Unfortunately, paintball activity and sensitive habitats like these don't mix. Under Milwaukie's new Park rules, discharging of paint ball guns is prohibited in Spring Park.

On Elk Rock Island, the City of Portland prohibits any activity that negatively impacts plants and habitat.

In addition to being prohibited, paint ball activity is disruptive to other visitors engaged in appropriate park activities. The impact on the park is represented not just by the presence of the paint and other litter left by players, but also the significant "off-path" chasing and hiding that disturb the animal habitat and trample delicate plants.

Please help preserve both of these highly valuable natural resources and respect the ordinances disallowing paint ball at these sites. ■



AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page six for contact information.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **October 11th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **St. John's Episcopal**

A candidates night, sponsored by all Neighborhood Associations and hosted by Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood will be held on Monday, Oct. 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (2036 SE Jefferson St.) in Downtown Milwaukie.

A full slate of candidates has been invited for state, regional, county and city elections, and from preliminary responses a large candidate presence is anticipated.

These election year meetings are valuable components of our local electoral process and have proven to be extremely popular with the public. Please do your best to attend.

At our September meeting, we turned to some outstanding grant considerations, reaffirming our dedication to Milwaukie Elementary School by okaying our yearly \$1,000 Christmas fund and renewing a request for our "Helping Hand" program, which provides emergency help to underprivileged children.

We also agreed to request grant funding for the purchase of 40 Milwaukie Memories books and to join other Neighbor-

hoods in supplying more assistance for the Milwaukie Museum roof repair.

Next year's Riverfest will be held on July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, and we are accepting early bids for volunteers.

Please call Terrie Darling at (503) 654-1007 if you're interested in aiding the Dragon Boat Races, and give me a call for other efforts.

An interesting observation: the McLoughlin improvement project and the North Main development could possibly start at about the same time next year, providing some really challenging equipment staging opportunities.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Carlotta Collette**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **October 12th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

At our first Neighborhood Association meeting of the new school year, we agreed we're all too busy to hold another Historic Ardenwald Home Tour this fall, but we're considering a spring version that would include gardens.

We're also talking about a plant exchange to share the abundance many of us are experiencing in our gardens. That will likely happen in October or early November – weather permitting.

Over the next few months we'll be hearing about a plan to consolidate the Kellogg Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility and the facility that serves Oak

Grove into one new, state of the art wastewater treatment facility.

The plan would open up riverfront property for both Milwaukie and Oak Grove when the two old plants are taken out of service. If we time it right, construction of the Trolley Trail could include laying of the pipeline to move waste water to the new facility (rather than waiting and having to dig up the trail and lay pipe later).

For my money, retiring the Kellogg Wastewater Plant should be a top priority for Milwaukie. We need our water-



The Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood summer concerts proved to be an even bigger hit than the first season. Check the Pilot for details for next year.

front back.

For more information, view the report on the project at the library or on-line at: www.oaklodgesanitary.com.

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debby Patten**, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **October 13th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Clackamas ESD**

We kicked off our September meeting with two guests. Keith Jones came from the Planning Department to give us information on some building that is proposed off International Way and

Captain Jamie Karn from the Fire Department gave us information on Measure 3-134.

The Neighborhood Association decided to donate funds to help get a new roof for the Milwaukie Museum and endorse making changes for the hours and occupancy of the Clackamas ESD building permanent. Needless to say, the latter especially benefits us, since we have our meetings there!

On the agenda for October, we have two more speakers. One is a Clackamas County Judge and the other is Carlotta Collette, who is running for a City Council position. Also, we will be discussing adopting Century Park and having a Christmas party at our December meeting. As always, we invite new neighbors (and not-so-new!) to attend, so please set aside a little time to learn more about what's going on in our City.



AROUND TOWN

ISLAND STATION

Written by **Lisa Batey**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **October 21st, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

Several projects are in the works which have the potential for a positive impact on our Neighborhood, such as the construction of the Trolley Trail and the proposed building of a Transit Center on Kellogg Lake, which would bring long-sought sidewalk and crossing improvements on McLoughlin.

But perhaps the best benefit of all would be realization of what's been termed the "Clearwater Project" – the proposal to remove the Kellogg Creek and Oak Lodge sewage treatment plants and consolidate all wastewater treatment in Oregon City. The details of this project are highlighted elsewhere in

this issue of the **Pilot**, and will be the subject of numerous community meetings in the weeks ahead. Please attend one of the meetings to learn more, and let Clackamas County leadership know what you think of the prospect of removing the sewage treatment plant and freeing up riverfront property for a use more compatible with Neighborhood livability.

In more mundane news, we are considering changing the date of our monthly meeting. If you would like to attend but Thursdays are problematic for you, please contact me and let me know which weeknight would work better for you.

Please also speak up if pushing the meeting back to 7 p.m. would make it easier for you to attend. And drop me a line if you'd like to be added to the ISNA e-mail list to receive updates on Neighborhood and City events every week or so. You can reach me at lisabatey@prodigy.net or at (503) 353-1825.

LINWOOD

Written by **Dolly Macken Hambright**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **October 14th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Linwood Elementary**

Our new liaison from the City, Jason Wachs of Milwaukie's Department of Community Services, and Officer Ron Glenn from the Milwaukie Police Department were on hand for our September meeting, as were many folks from the Neighborhood. Wanda Drendel made sure we had treats and punch; as usual she takes good care of us.

The proposed development between

Harmony Road and the Union Pacific tracks near Industrial Way was discussed at some length. On hand to acquaint folks with the proposal were Mike Wells of Panattoni Development, Tara Lund of CIDA, the architectural firm, and John Gessner, Milwaukie's Planning Director.

The concerns regarding the project centered on the impact to our Neighborhood in the ways of noise, traffic, water drainage, increased graffiti, tree loss/replacement and the existing UP siding, which is currently not in use. We look forward to working with the folks designing this project in order to achieve a de-

velopment that has very little or no adverse impact on our Neighborhood and still affords a viable addition to the City's business/light industrial base.

The Ukrainian Bible Church has apparently not resubmitted plans for a proposed overhaul, but we will be following that issue as time goes on.

Milwaukie Project Manager Jeff King was on hand to update us on the North Main development and it appears that shovels will actually turn earth there next spring! It's been a long haul on that project, but hopefully we will have something that will enhance our Downtown.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **October 11th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Public Safety Building**

Happy Fall! Soon the leaves will be turning colors and we will all do our best to rake and recycle those leaves.

Our next Neighborhood meeting will

be at the Milwaukie Public Safety Building on October 11th at 7 p.m. Some of the topics of the October meeting are proposed zoning change for the block north of the Milwaukie Market Place, Homewood Park, King Road Safeway and traffic concerns.

We will also be discussing our meeting location and times. If you have not been able to make it to past meetings due

to the time or other issues this is a good time to come and help pick a time and location that works for most residents of the Neighborhood.

Just a short "Farewell" and "Good Luck" to Steve Campbell in his new Job at Happy Valley.

We will miss you, but we know our Code Compliance division will be in good hands with Les Hall at the wheel.

LEWELLING

Written by **Jeff Klein**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **October 2nd, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

If you missed the last meeting you missed a great opportunity to voice your opinion in the direction of Our Neighborhood and the direction of the City. But don't worry our next meeting is just days away!

At the September meeting we voted to write a grant of \$2,500 to the Clackamas Service Center. If approved they will match our dollars and add any other contributions to go towards the purchase of a van to help deliver meals to the needy. Last year

they delivered over 5,000 meals to Milwaukie families and helped many others families in the surrounding area.

At our next meeting we have invited the candidates running for the City Council position. Mike Stacey and Carlotta Collette have said that they would attend our meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions. This would be a great chance to talk with the candidates in a small forum.

If you haven't checked Our Neighborhood blog it is a great place to join in on the conversations taking place without leaving the comfort of your own home.

Just click the "comments" section of the blog and add your two cents. It is a great way to stay informed and stay involved. www.lewellingnda.blogspot.com

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